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## Honors College To Be Built At Smith

### Facility Is First At Black College

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Ground-breaking ceremonies will be held August 25 at 2:30 p.m. for the new Honors College Center on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University. JCSU President Robert L. Albright will preside over the program.

The new facility will be located in the center of the campus and will include residential space for 16 honor students, two seminar rooms, computer lab, rector's office, library and discussion area. Other features include a dining room, kitchen and a suite for distinguished visiting guests.

The Honors College itself, established in 1986, provides more challenging courses and additional resources, counseling scholarships, and research and leadership opportunities for superior students. About 60 of the University's 1,200 students follow the honors college curriculum.

Funding for the Honors College Center came from the Lilly Endowment. The university has raised matching funds to meet the requirements from the Lilly Endowment's grant of \$500,000.

President Albright said this week, "We are particularly delighted that the Lilly Endowment provided such a generous gift for this purpose and we are very thankful for the many friends in the Charlotte community who have helped us to raise the majority of our matching funds. We are also proud that this will be the first such facility ever constructed on the campus of a historically black college."

A grant from IBM Charlotte will enable students to work in a personal computer laboratory in the new facility. IBM has donated eight Personal System/2 computers, eight Proprietary X24's and related software and hardware. IBM's donation is part of the university's drive to raise funds in response to the matching grant from the Lilly Foundation.

Architects for the JCSU Honors College Center are Gantt Huberman Architects. F.N. Thompson, Inc. is the general contractor.

The university's new Honors College Rector, Dr. Robert Sulek, Board of Trustees Chairman Clarence Wade and Student Government Association President Jimmie Smith Jr., will give brief comments during the ground-breaking ceremonies.

### Council Gets Major Grant

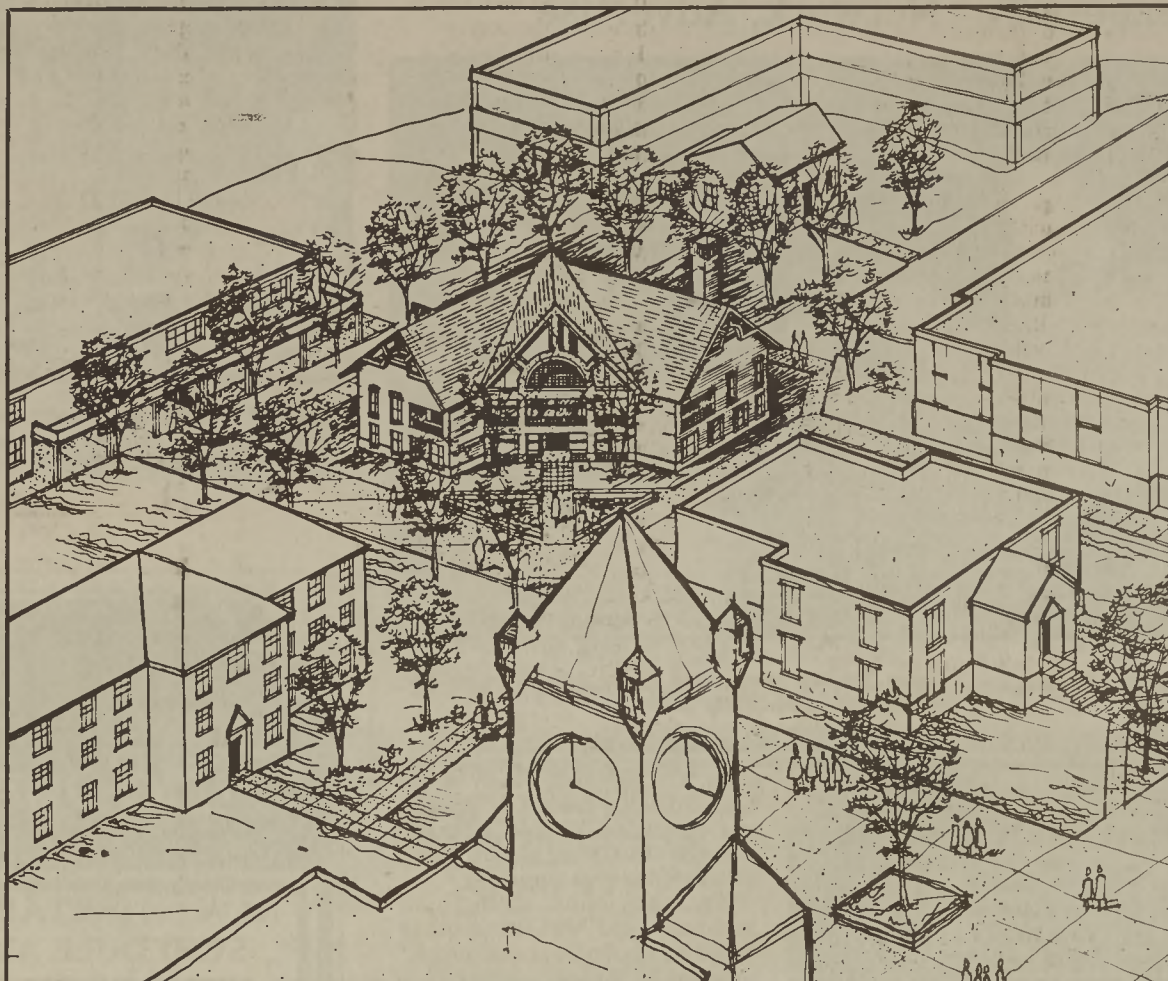
Gladys Graves, president of the North Carolina Council on Educating Black Children, announced recently that the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has awarded the Council a \$10,000 grant to support the development of "A Blueprint for Action II" project. The North Carolina project was developed from a plan designed by the National conference on Educating Black Children which looked at ways to eliminate the continuing inequities in the education of black children.

The Blueprint sets out specific activities for students, teachers, administrators, parents, policymakers and communities undertake on behalf of improving educational opportunities for black children.

The North Carolina Council on Educating Black Children is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization composed of local, state education and community leaders who represent diverse local and state organizations, each of which has a stake in improving the education of black children.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the youngest son of the founder of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. In that year, the brother and two sisters of Z. Smith Reynolds requested that their inheritance from his estate go to the establishment of a trust fund for the benefit of North Carolina's people.

The Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$150 million to recipients in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. In recent years the Foundation has focused its attention on improving and strengthening public education and minority issues.



An architectural sketch of the planned Honors College to be constructed on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University.

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